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## Manchester Civic Band plans live performances

A Manchester Civic Band performance at Peabody Retirement Community has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest; the North Manchester Fun Fest parade; and at Doud's Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

## Final 2021 Shop Hop in downtown Wabash runs through September

Shop Hop returns to downtown Wabash through Thursday, Sept. 30 and in-

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# Nominate the 'Best of Wabash County'

Submissions now open; voting starts Oct. 23; winners announced Nov. 20

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Do you ever find yourself arguing with friends or family about who makes the best pizza, tenderloin or hot dog locally?

Well, bragging rights are now on the line.

It's time to nominate your favorite local businesses to

the Best of Wabash County contest.

Nominations begin Wednesday, Sept. 29. Those categories are listed under 10 groups including Greatest Entertainment, Greatest Food, Greatest People, Greatest Businesses, Greatest Auto Services, Greatest Home Services, Greatest Personal Care Services, Greatest Local Shopping, Greatest Financial Services and Greatest Medical Services.

All nominations and voting are done online. Please visit [https://wabashplain](https://wabashplaindealer.secondstreetapp.com/Wabash-County-Greatest-2021/)

[dealer.secondstreetapp.com/Wabash-County-Greatest-2021/](https://wabashplaindealer.secondstreetapp.com/Wabash-County-Greatest-2021/) to get started.

After round one nominations are completed and we tally the votes to determine the top three winners of each category, we will begin the voting to select winners. Voting starts on Oct. 23. Winners will be announced on Nov. 20.

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## For Boston singer Tommy DeCarlo, it's 'More Than a Feeling'



Provided photo

Boston lead singer Tommy DeCarlo will be featuring the music of the band – along with “American Idol” singer Rudy Cardenas, who will be performing the music of Journey – at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Honeywell Center.

## Hear the band's hits, 'American Idol's' Rudy Cardenas' renditions of Journey songs, on Saturday

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

For Boston lead singer Tommy DeCarlo, it all began when he was about 12 years old.

That was when his best friend had loaned him Boston's 1976 debut album.

“I started listening to it and I really enjoyed it,” said De-

Carlo, during a recent phone interview.

DeCarlo said he joined the choir starting in late elementary school.

“That was kind of where I started to sing,” said DeCarlo. “From junior high on I started to sing the Boston music.”

Now, through a seemingly improbable series of events, DeCarlo is the current lead

singer of Boston. And this weekend, he'll be featuring the music of the band – along with “American Idol” singer Rudy Cardenas, who will be performing the music of Journey – at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Honeywell Center.

“This two-show package starts with The Music of Journey with Rudy Cardenas of

‘American Idol,’ featuring a full set of Journey classics like ‘Open Arms’ and ‘Separate Ways.’ Boston singer Tommy DeCarlo will then take the stage for The Music of Boston with a set of hits from the legendary band’s ‘70s and ‘80s career,” said Honeywell Arts & Entertainment digital

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## ISDH reports 93rd local COVID death

Select groups now eligible to receive Pfizer booster shots

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 93rd COVID-19 death in Wabash County.

The news comes as Wabash County has reported nearly 5,000 virus cases since the start of the pandemic.

On Monday, the ISDH reported 18 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 4,945, with 18,583 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 7.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 21 percent.

Also on Monday, the ISDH announced changes to the timing of its COVID-19 dashboard updates “to reflect the high volume of data flowing in each day.”

Beginning Monday, the dashboards at [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov) began updating daily by 5 p.m. instead of noon as they had previously done.

“This will allow for a more thorough review of data

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## 'Creative Mail-Art Workshop' pre-registration deadline approaching

Wabash Art Guild program set for Thursday, Oct. 14

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash Art Guild has planned a “Creative Mail-Art Workshop” for next month, and the pre-registration deadline is quickly approaching, said publicist Lori Heeter.

The event has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14 at the Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St., at the rear-alley entrance.

Heeter said the pre-registration deadline for the workshop was Thursday, Sept. 30.

“Learn how to create one-of-a-kind envelopes to mail to your friends and family, just in time for homemade holiday greetings,” said Heeter.

Heeter said all materials are supplied for “a fun day of creative instruction” including watercolors, acrylics, pastels, collage medium, markers,

pen and ink, decorative papers and embellishments.

Heeter said art instructors for the workshop will be Tana Bondar and Jill Brandush, of Peru.

“(They) will fuel your inspiration in creative, imaginative, layering décor,” said Heeter. “Bring your sack lunch and be prepared for fun.”

For more information, call 574-453-6772.

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## Manchester University plans Homecoming Week

Festivities planned from Monday, Oct. 4 to Saturday, Oct. 9

### STAFF REPORT

Manchester University's Homecoming Week has been planned from Monday, Oct. 4 to Saturday, Oct. 9 with a “jam-packed schedule,” according to a press release.

Manchester is offering virtual and in-person events this year, “to meet your comfort level with the pandemic.”

“While we look forward to in-person reunions in the years to come, this year we will celebrate the classes of 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 on the safety of Zoom,” stated the release. “Throughout the week, you can enjoy virtual morning coffee hours on Facebook and Zoom with special guests from the University.”

Other “fun virtual events” during Homecoming Week include a 5K Virtual Run,

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cludes a chance to win a prize of \$100 in Shop Hop Dollars, which are redeemable at the participating businesses. Participants will take a September Shop Hop form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the Shop Hop form is 100 percent completed, participants will submit their form to one of the participating businesses, Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road, or the Wabash Marketplace office, 189 S. Miami St. September Shop Hop forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 for a chance to win. The winner will be selected in early October. Four downtown businesses participating in September’s Shop Hop include Chapman’s Brewing, 233 S. Miami St.; Lighthouse Mission, 123 W. Canal St.; Wabash Marketplace, 189 S. Miami St.; and JoJo’s Oil Factory & Co., 36 W. Canal St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available by visiting WabashMarket place.org.

VFW Post No. 286 to hold a fish fry Friday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 will host a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford. The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, cowboy beans, coleslaw and hush puppies. The cost will be \$10 per person. It will be open to the public. Carryout will be available. For more information, call 260-563-2463.

Dr. Ford Home announces ‘fun, family-friendly’ event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including Autumn Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash’s trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids planned

The Clown Town Motorcycles and Sharp Shooters Express will present the 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Post No. 248, 800 Washington St., Lagro. Car show registration will be \$15 per car and will begin at 11 a.m., with kickstands up

and entertainment starting at noon. For more information, call 260-466-7655.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Oct. 5, 2021; Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with four concerts in the works: Invitation to the Dance is Oct. 10, 2021, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. The concert features music from ballet and other works inspired by dance, and it will include Manchester University professors Beate Gilliar and Jim Brumbaugh-Smith dancing to Leroy Anderson’s Blue Tango. Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson, Sleight Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater’s Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orches-

tra’s concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn’s five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

Grow Wabash County’s Annual Dinner Celebration set for Oct. 14

Grow Wabash County has announced that MPS Egg Farms has been selected as the 2021 Business of the Year and will be honored during Grow Wabash County’s Annual Dinner Celebration from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/2021annual dinner, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Salamonie ‘Twins Among the Trees’ Forest School planned

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Nov. 3, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. The program fee for the package of six sessions is \$60 per child, ages 6 to 13; additional siblings are \$50. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Dick Quigley Music Festival planned for November

The annual Dick Quigley Music Festival has been planned for the first and second weekends in November in Peru. Rob Noftsgier’s Fascinating Rhythm, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor, has been planned from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. The event will feature “the usual” carry-in dinner. Combo Night, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor and featuring the No Regrets Blues Band, has been planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. Big Band Night, featuring the 19-piece Quigley Jazz Band, has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Riverview Event Center, 421 W. Canal St., Peru.





coming to campus, there is still a lot to do” on Saturday, Oct. 9. “First, stop by the Welcome Tent beginning at 11 a.m., say ‘hello’ and pick up some complimentary alumni goodies,” stated the release. “Food will be available until 2 p.m. at sev-

### 5-Day Weather Summary

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 7:28 p.m.  
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 81°, humidity of 54%. East wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 56°. East northeast wind 2 to 5 mph. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high temperature of 80°, humidity of 46%. East northeast wind 3 to 6 mph.

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marketing coordinator Kaitlynn Still. Most seats are \$29 and \$39, with limited premium seating available for \$75. “It’s easy to confuse our show with a Boston show. It is important to me that people know this is not a Boston show, but they get the singer for Boston performing Boston music. It’s something I really enjoy doing. I’m really thankful that I’ve been given the OK to do that by the band,” said DeCarlo. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or calling 260-563-1102, or at the Honeywell Box Office. DeCarlo said he first tuned into original Boston lead singer Brad Delp’s voice “by accident” growing up. “I was at one of those high school parties. Somebody’s parents were out of town for the weekend and we had a little get-together in someone’s basement,” said DeCarlo. “I started singing along to a Boston song. One of the girls at the party said, ‘Wow, you sound like that guy from Boston.’ To me, that was a huge compliment. And, of course, that guy was Brad Delp, but I said, ‘Wow, that’s a great compliment.’ Kind of from that point on, from about 16 years old on I started singing along to Brad’s voice and the music, but it really was the music that captured my attention. It wasn’t like I was trying to be a singer, I was just singing along with the music because I loved it so much.” DeCarlo’s passion for Boston’s music continued through the years. In March 2007, though, tragedy struck when Delp committed suicide. DeCarlo said his daughter had a MySpace page in which he posted his renditions of Boston songs in tribute to Delp. “I pulled out my old recording software and plugged it back in and I had a karaoke CD of Boston music and I recorded my vocals singing along to a couple of songs,” said DeCarlo. “To me it was fine, I was OK with it. She said, ‘Gee why don’t you put this on MySpace so other fans can hear them? They probably would appreciate it.’ I allowed her to do that. She put them out there and the next thing I know I got a few comments from fans that were really complimentary

of my voice and my style of singing which they felt was close to Brad’s. And I thought that was great. One of them suggested I send them to the band.” DeCarlo said the popular, but incorrect, lore about what happened next goes that the band discovered him through that MySpace page. “Well, they really didn’t,” said DeCarlo. “I found their management email address somehow. Then I sent an email with a couple of MP3s singing two of their songs and I asked them if they needed any help with the upcoming tribute show they were going to have in memory of Brad Delp. Never thinking in a million years thinking they would even have got the email, let alone call me. And those two things happened. And I was just in shock. I couldn’t believe it.” DeCarlo said the experience was surreal, to say the very least. “It’s almost like if you were to go watch your favorite baseball team and you’re in the stands and you say, ‘Man, that pitcher’s OK, but I can pitch better than him.’ And then the coach says, ‘Well, get out here and now you can do it.’ And you’re like, ‘Whoa, whoa, wait a minute.’ That’s how I felt,” said DeCarlo. “Once I kind of stuck my neck out then they said, ‘OK, yeah come on.’ I was like, ‘Oh my God, I’ve got to actually do this now.’ So, it was pretty interesting because Boston was the first band that I have ever been in. It was totally new to me all the way around.” After the August 2007 tribute show, DeCarlo said he was back at home in Charlotte, North Carolina when Boston guitarist and songwriter Tom Scholz asked him if he would be interested in joining the band for a tour the following summer. “Of course, I said, ‘Yeah that would be great.’ The funny thing was he just said, ‘Do me a favor and keep it quiet don’t say anything because we haven’t posted the tour yet. But we’ll stay in touch and we’ll start doing rehearsals and everything.’ The funny thing was I was going back and forth to work at Home Depot as I was flying up to Boston to rehearse but I couldn’t tell anybody. Nobody knew about it,” said DeCarlo. DeCarlo said his days of working at Home Depot are long behind him, and when he’s not touring solo or with

Boston, he can be found performing with his band, DeCarlo, which he formed along with his son, Tommy DeCarlo Jr. “We wanted to do that because although I had a number of tours with Boston, they’re a band that doesn’t tour every year,” said DeCarlo. “Sometimes they’ll do one or two years in a row and then they’ll take four or five years off. During the downtime I was like, ‘Jeez what could we do?’ I don’t really want to go back to a regular day job if I don’t have to. So we decided to put a band together. It really started with just the two of us. And eventually, that became a full band and over the years we’ve been able to manage a wonderful following the Charlotte area and around the country. It’s really been a blessing to be able to do something that I love, not only with my favorite rock band when I tour, but I also got to do it with my son whenever we don’t tour with Boston.” DeCarlo said performing Boston’s music along with the music of Journey has been a thrilling experience given the deep catalog of hits of each band. “People love both bands. I don’t think there’s a song in the setlist of the Boston music or the Journey music that people don’t know. They just get a real strong dose of classic rock radio hits. Not many deep cuts. It’s straight from the top,” said DeCarlo. “We’ve got a great reception from the people who go to those shows.” DeCarlo said it was “really hard” to pick his favorite Boston song to perform, but that “Long Time” was near the top of the list. “One of the reasons I like that song is it’s one of the last songs of the setlist. I’m pretty tired at that point and I’m ready to get of the stage. That’s a very special song. I love the beat. I love everything about it,” said DeCarlo. DeCarlo said for the fans, though, nothing can top “More Than a Feeling.” “The funny thing is I look over at Tom when that song starts on any given night and I still can’t believe it,” said DeCarlo I’m like, ‘I can’t believe that this isn’t a karaoke track. It isn’t a record. It’s the actual song and I’m like five feet from the guy who wrote it and he’s performing it.’” Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

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a painting party at home where they ship the supplies, family-fun experiments with Joel Eichenauer of the class of 1991, virtual college

connections reunions, special homecoming live-streamed on Facebook, Campus Store Flash Sale and 50th Anniversary of the Environmental Studies Department with a panel discussion hosted by Peace Studies. “If you are comfortable

eral locations on campus. On your way to the football game against Defiance at 1:30 p.m., be sure to check out the Spartan Street Fair. Students will be selling items to raise funds for their different organizations. The annual Peace Studies dedication begins at 10 a.m. at the


Gladdys Muir Peace Garden, with refreshments after the ceremony. We also have tennis matches beginning at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. For those coming to campus on Saturday, please remember your masks. While optional for outdoor activities, masks are required inside all

University buildings, except while you are eating. Please help us keep Manchester safe and healthy. Whether in person or virtually, we can’t wait to see you.” For more information, visit www.manchester.edu/alumni/events/homecoming/.

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# Obituaries

## Dennis Dean Kramer

March 23, 1939 – Sept. 24, 2021

Dennis Dean Kramer, 82, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:28 pm, Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. He was born on March 23, 1939, in Wabash, to Harold Kramer and Virginia Mae (Baldinger) Forney. Dennis was a 1957 graduate of Noble High School and received an associate degree from the International Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He married Judy Mendenhall in Wabash on March 20, 1961. Dennis worked at HIZ Inc., Honeywell Inc., and was the bookkeeper at Pleasant View Nursing Home, all of Wabash. He attended the Richvalley United Methodist Church. Dennis enjoyed collecting antiques, gardening, mushroom hunting, painting, raising chickens, water skiing, and being near the water. He especially loved his family, and they were most



important in his life. He is survived by his wife, Judy Kramer of Wabash, daughter, Jennifer (Mark) Hill of North Manchester, Indiana, three grandchildren, Michael (Amanda) Bowen of Dallas, Texas, Andrew Hill of North Manchester, and Zachary (Mischelle) Hill of Winona Lake, Indiana, four great-grandchildren, Bethany Bowen, Henry Bowen, George Bowen, and Arthur Bowen. He was preceded in death by his parents. There will be no services. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Dennis may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Dennis will be greatly missed by his wife Judy, daughter Jenny, and the rest of his family.

## E. Joan Leedy

Dec. 8, 1924 – Sept. 26, 2021

E. Joan Leedy, 96, Goshen, Indiana, formerly of North Manchester, Indiana, died Sept. 26, 2021. Born Dec. 8, 1924 in Plainfield, Indiana, Joan was the daughter of the late Cecil and Violet (Stephens) Carmine. Surviving are her sons, Bob (Susie) Leedy and Bill (Barbara Ann) Leedy; daughters, Sharon (Mark) Shaneyfelt, Barbara (Jim) Keeton, and

Linda Sue Stephens; brothers, David Carmine and Daniel Carmine; eighteen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren, and twenty-two great-great-grandchildren. A public graveside will be held Friday, Oct. 1, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Scottsburg Cemetery, S Elm Street, Scottsburg, Indiana. Final Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

## Paul R. Lewis

Paul R. Lewis, of Wabash, passed away at 4:07 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at Wabash Parkview Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m., Sept. 29, 2021, at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 with Terry Hinds officiating. Burial will be at Friends Cemetery.

Visitation will be two hours prior to the funeral services, starting at 2 p.m., at the funeral home. McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana, 46992, have been trusted with Paul Lewis's final arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

## Jimmy Lee Osborne

Jimmy Lee Osborne, 58, of LaFontaine, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, in Fort Wayne. Services are 10 am Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, with calling 5 – 8 pm, Wednesday. Burial in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

## Norma Jean Rager

Dec. 31, 1927 – Sept. 27, 2021



Norma Jean Rager, 93, of rural Roann, Indiana, died at 1:40 am, Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, at her home. She was born on Dec. 31, 1927, in South Bend, Indiana, to Floyd and Josephine “Jo” (Shipley) Fruitt. Norma was a 1946 graduate of Laketon High School. She married Todd S. Rager at the Peabody Chapel in North Manchester, Indiana on Feb. 23, 1947; he died April 3, 2016. She worked at Mr. Dave’s Restaurant and retired from Peabody Retirement Community, both in North Manchester. Norma was a former member of the Jolly Janes Home Ec Club for more than 50 years. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, and gardening. She is survived by seven children, John Rager of Roann, Rick (Cheryl) Rager of Bremen, Indiana, Larry (Sonya) Rager of Silver Lake, Indiana, Tom (Janis) Rager of Peru, Indiana, Donna Fowerbaugh of North Manchester, Tammy Carter and Jeff (Natalie) Rager, both of Roann, 16 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, brother and sisters, Dan (Debbie) Fruitt of North Manchester, Carol Sue Richards of Noblesville, Indiana, Janet Michael of Warrenville, Illinois, Janene (Tony) Batta of Lafayette, Indiana, Sharon (Jim) Dunnick of Columbia City, Indiana, 2

sisters-in-law, Phyllis Fruitt of West Lafayette, Indiana, and Adeline Fruitt of Florida. She was also preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Leon Fruitt, Eldon Fruitt, and Ron Fruitt, sister, Joan Franklin, and great-grandson, Chase Tennant. Funeral services will be 2 pm, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, at Congregational Christian Church, 310 North Walnut Street, North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester. Friends may call 4-8 pm Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main Street, North Manchester. Preferred memorial is Parkview Hospice. The memorial guest book for Norma may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Alden Elee ‘Al’ Parker

Feb. 7, 1933 – Sept. 25, 2021

Alden Elee “Al” Parker, 88, South Whitley, Indiana, died Sept. 25, 2021. One of twelve children born to Francis M. and Ruby (Hossler) Parker, Al was born in Gary, Indiana on Feb. 7, 1933. Surviving is his daughter, Susan K. Jones; son, Scott H (Cindi) Parker; brothers, Martin B. (Thelma) Park-

er and Jon J. Parker; sisters, Merry Carol (Robert) Riemersma and Susan (Fred) Kinch; sister-in-law, Evelyn Parker; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A private graveside service at Spring Creek Cemetery, Sidney, Indiana, will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

## Peggy A. Huddleston

Peggy A. Huddleston, 86, a lifetime resident of Wabash, passed away at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 24, 2021. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021, at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Av-

enue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 with JP Freeman officiating. Burial will be at Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be two hours prior to the funeral services, starting at 9 a.m., at the funeral home.

## Jayne Hatton

June 11, 1930 – Sept. 25, 2021



Jayne Hatton, 91, of Bloomington, Indiana, formerly of Wabash, died at 3 pm Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at Hearthstone Health Campus in Bloomington, Indiana. She was born June 11, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois. An only child, Jayne spent her early childhood alternating between Chicago with her mother and rural Missouri, where she was under the care of her maternal grandmother. She credited her grandmother with instilling in her a love of reading; it was a simple pleasure on quiet nights in the country. There was one year during which she attended a one-room schoolhouse. She was a graduate of Harper High School on Chicago’s south side. She worked at Walgreen’s and then in an office in downtown Chicago until she met her husband, Edgar Hatton and the two wed in 1951. The couple soon moved to Keokuk, Iowa where they started what would become a large family. Their first four children were Hawkeyes. Then, in 1962, the family relocated to Wabash, Indiana. The remaining three children came in the Hoosier State. Jayne was an avid bridge player, a crossword puzzle fanatic, and a voracious reader, but she spent her free time in volunteer work whenever possible. Jayne was continually involved at St. Bernard’s parish, both at the school, which her children attended, and the church itself. She worked at the local F.I.S.H food pantry and delivered Meals on Wheels; she acted as a driver for many people in need of a ride to doctor’s appointments and treatments. She was preceded in death by her parents: her mother,

Marguerite Pape, in 1984; and her step-father, Michael Pape, in 1974. Also gone to eternal peace before her was her beloved husband, Edgar Hatton, on May 16, 1994, and a newborn son, John Stephen, on August 8, 1954. She is survived by her seven children: Tracy Hatton of Hoboken, NJ; Michael (Jane) Hatton of Huntington, IN; Mary (Shalar Sellers) Hatton of Lilesville, NC; Joseph Hatton of Bloomington, IN; Katherine Costello of Indianapolis, IN; Fran (Dean Miller) Hatton of Orlando, FL; and Barbara (Scott Alber) Hatton of Bloomington, IN. She has eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A mass will be held 10 am Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Wabash with Father Levi Nkwocha officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7 pm Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorials are to the St. Bernard Catholic Church, 207 Cass St, Wabash, IN 46992 or the F.I.S.H Food Pantry, P.O. Box 195, Wabash, IN 46992. The memorial guestbook for Jayne can be signed on-line at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## DEATH

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before it is posted,” stated the ISDH.

School and long-term care dashboards will continue to update weekly.

“When we launched these dashboards, our goal was to provide Hoosiers the best data possible to help them understand the magnitude of the COVID-19 pandemic in Indiana,” said State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG. “As the pandemic has progressed, we have added a significant number of features and additional dashboards that have exponentially increased the volume of data required to update the dashboards. This increased volume requires more time to vet for accuracy and technical issues. We will work to update the dashboard as quickly as we can each day so that Hoosiers continue to have consistent, accurate information about COVID-19.”

As a result of the changes to the dashboard timing, the ISDH also will suspend the publication of routine daily news releases that reflect the dashboard postings.

“Mobile testing and vaccination sites will continue to be added to the dashboards, and Hoosiers will continue to be notified when mobile testing clinics are coming to their communities,” stated the ISDH.

Local vaccination rates have continued lagging behind the state average. In the zip code 46992, which comprises Wabash, 41.8 percent of the eligible population has been vaccinated. Statewide, that figure sits at 55.5 percent.

But even as officials have struggled to get even the initial shots into the arms of Hoosiers, eligible populations in the state are now able to re-

ceive booster shots, as well.

On Friday, the ISDH announced that booster doses of Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine are available to eligible Hoosiers following federal authorization of the additional dose.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Thursday recommended the administration of a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine to counter waning immunity in specific populations following the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) decision to expand its Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to include the boosters.

In July, Pfizer proposed a third COVID-19 vaccine booster shot, but was quickly rebuffed by the CDC and Food and FDA.

During a televised press conference on July 31, state chief medical officer Dr. Lindsay Weaver said they were “following the data very closely” about the booster shots.

“Whether it would be something recommended for everybody, whether it should be focused on people who are immuno-compromised, people who are older,” said Weaver. “This has been discussed at the CDC level twice now on both their last immunization practice committee meetings. We pay very close attention to those. So, we know that there’s more information, more data, more evidence coming. If it comes out and there is a recommendation that there be a booster shot, we are ready. If they say it’s for immuno-compromised and people over the age of 60, we would say, ‘Go, run, get your third booster,’ if the evidence supported that.”

In August, the FDA reversed course, at least somewhat, by authorizing an additional Pfizer or Moderna vaccine

dose for certain immunocompromised individuals. Although, the FDA did not go so far as to say other fully vaccinated individuals also needed an additional dose.

The single booster dose can be administered at least six months after completion of the second dose and applies only to individuals who previously received the Pfizer vaccine. Individuals who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines are not eligible at this time.

According to the CDC, individuals ages 65 and older and residents of long-term care facilities should receive a booster dose; individuals ages 50 to 64 with underlying medical conditions that put them at high risk of severe COVID-19 should receive a booster dose; individuals ages 18 to 49 with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster dose, based on their benefits and risks; and individuals ages 18 to 64 who are at high risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional risk of exposure may receive a booster shot based on their benefits and risks.

Eligible Hoosiers who want to obtain a booster dose can go to [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov) and search for a site that has the Pfizer vaccine, which is designated by PVAX, or call 211 for assistance. Hoosiers are encouraged to bring their vaccination card to their appointment to ensure that the booster dose is added.

Upon arriving at the vaccination clinic, Hoosiers will be asked to attest that they meet the eligibility requirements listed above. Beginning Monday, that attestation began being incorporated into the on-line appointment registration at [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov).

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# Downtown Wabash to transform into a fall festival on First Friday

The event will feature live music, pumpkin patch, pumpkin decorating and more

### STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace will close down Miami Street one last time for its 2021 First Friday series with live music, food trucks, a pumpkin patch and multiple vendors, according to public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

“In addition to closing Miami Street, downtown businesses will open their doors for extended hours with shopping deals and more for guests to enjoy. October’s First Friday will focus on Harvest and Hops: a theme with fall-inspired activities and beer specials from local restaurants and bars,” said Ellis.

New to October’s First Friday in Downtown Wabash is the addition of Food Truck Row. Food Truck Row will feature new food trucks along the southern sidewalk of Canal Street between Miami Street and Wabash Street.

Bachelor Creek Church will present 390 East Worship from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with special guest Kimberly Rutledge opening at 6 p.m.

Bachelor Creek Church will be providing free kettle corn. New Song Church will have a Bounce House and free tenderloin meals – including sandwiches, chips, bottled water – to the first 220 people.

Four County will have a Community Health Booth. New Journey Church will



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have giveaways and free s’mores.

The Arc of Wabash County will have face painting for \$1 and a 65-inch TV raffle.

Faith Baptist Church will have a community booth.

Charley Creek Inn Courtyard will have live music by Frank Bradford from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Downtown specials and events include:

Sign up for the Wabash Marketplace email list for a chance to win a First Friday gift basket.

Decorate a pumpkin at Wabash Landing, presented by the Lagro Canal Foundation.

A community drum circle will be offered in the West Lobby of the Eagles Theatre from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 7 p.m. Guests of all ages are welcome. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult who is encouraged to participate.

Dr. James Ford Historic Home will have a 19th Century Autumn Festival open from 5 to 8 p.m. Ride the Trolley No.85 up to the

house for autumnal activities, games, crafts and tours of the first floor of the historic, restored 19th-century physician’s home and surgery center.

The Lighthouse Mission will be serving cookies for National Homemade Cookies Day until 8 p.m.

The Wabash County Museum will have a mini-golf fundraiser event with food trucks, including Tim’s Thai 2 Go, The Saucy Zoodle, Red Barn Elephant Ears and Moon Dog Catering with a cash bar.

The Visit Wabash County Welcome Center will have a 50 East fall giveaway.

The Wabash Fire Department will have a fire prevention booth at City Hall.

The Visit Wabash County Trolley No.85 Route Stops will include Food Truck Row on Canal Street, Dr. James Ford Historic Home, Veteran’s Plaza, Eagles Theatre, The Depot, Museum side lot and White Rock Recreation.

For more information, visit [WabashMarketplace.org](http://WabashMarketplace.org).



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# Filth threatens an early end to rekindled relationship

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently got back in touch with an old flame from 12 years ago. We never dated in the past because he was an alcoholic and not in a good place. A month ago, he added me on Snapchat, and we picked up right where we left off. He has been sober for three years, has a steady job, a house and a good support system. We spend hours on the phone and have a lot in common. I was excited to see if our friendship would evolve into something more, and he also wanted to see if we could be more than friends.

**Dear Abby**



Abby, I went over to his house and it is filthy. It's not cluttered, just dirty – like it needs a very good deep cleaning. He has a large dog in the house, so the place smells very bad. I wouldn't sit down on any of the furniture, and I couldn't wait to get out of there. What do I do? Do I tell him how I feel about his house and see if he's willing to change, or must I end the relationship we are starting to build? I don't want to settle, but I don't want to miss out on what could turn into a wonderful relationship. – Put Off In Iowa

**DEAR PUT OFF:** It is entirely possible that this man doesn't realize how dirty his home, furniture and dog have become because he is used to living that way. You have no choice but to tell him he needs a cleaning crew for his home on a regular basis, and his dog needs to be bathed and groomed regularly for the sake of the health of the animal. If he's willing to listen to you, it could turn into a wonderful relationship. If he isn't, it's better to find out now, don't you think?

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently began talking to this woman online. We met on an app and have a lot in common, including that our fathers have had or currently have cancer. One night we got into a discussion about depression. I mentioned that in the past I have been suicidal, and she admitted she has felt that way, too. She tells me she thinks about ending her life a lot. I've told her about suicide hotlines and numbers to text someone.

The other night, she said she had started writing her suicide note. She wants to die after her father and her cats die. I'm trying to help her, but it's like she doesn't want my help. She has my number, and I urge her to text me whenever she needs to. We don't live close, so I can't just go to her house and check on her. If she does take her life, I don't know how I could go on, feeling I didn't do more to help her. I don't know what to do anymore. – Don't Know What To Do

**DEAR DON'T KNOW:** You have given this woman a willing ear, emotional support and information that can help her if she chooses to use it. You have NOTHING to feel guilty about. In the final analysis, the person who must "save" her is herself. Continue to offer support from afar. Give her the toll-free number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255. Your conscience should be clear. For your own sake, please keep it that way.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Ms. Hagen
- 4 Playing card
- 8 See-through fabric
- 12 Beer container
- 13 Russian range
- 14 Tailor's need
- 15 Sooner than
- 16 "Don't bother!" (2 wds.)
- 18 Anwar of Egypt
- 20 Years and years
- 21 Engineer's place
- 23 Venomous reptiles
- 26 "Ditto"
- 29 "Kapow!"
- 32 Henri's landmass
- 34 Mild oath
- 35 — Wiedersehen
- 36 Gist
- 37 Comfy shoe
- 38 Brooklyn cager
- 39 "One For My Baby" singer

### 40 Novelist

- Levin
- 41 Lighten up
- 42 Tense
- 43 Struck silent
- 45 Type of doll
- 47 Tibetan ox
- 49 Expensive watch
- 53 Demarcated
- 58 Hot time in Paris
- 59 "Monday Night Football" ailer
- 60 Aloha, in Rome
- 61 Succeeded
- 62 Telephoned
- 63 TV chef
- 64 Court evidence, maybe

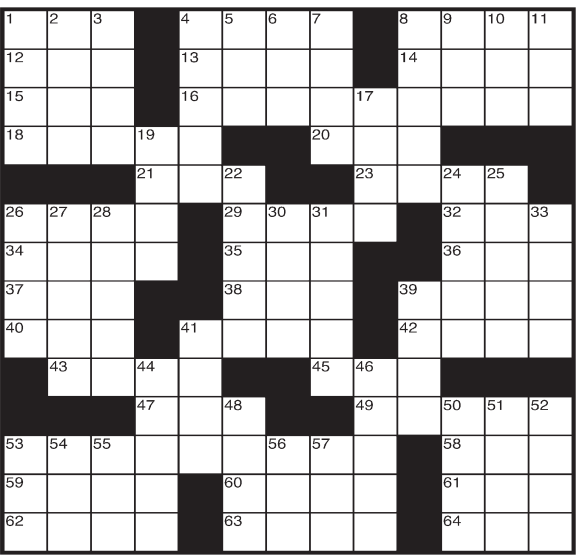
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- 1 Hilo guitars
- 2 Prefix for "trillion"
- 3 Like good brandy
- 4 Ruling group
- 5 Common verb
- 6 Mav's foe

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 7 Swiss artist
- 8 Sketches
- 9 Jackie's second
- 10 Arroz — pollo
- 11 Result
- 17 Traipse
- 19 Scored well
- 22 Safari leader
- 24 Yearned (for)
- 25 Threw
- 26 Truck stop sight
- 27 Greek marketplace
- 28 Rain forest
- 30 Shades
- 31 Later than
- 33 Online auction site
- 39 Toy building block
- 41 Red-waxed cheese
- 44 Staring at
- 46 Inner fire
- 48 Try for a field goal
- 50 X-rated
- 51 Collar style
- 52 Lucy Lawless role
- 53 German article
- 54 That, to Jaime
- 55 Hosp. employee
- 56 Even score
- 57 Sense of hearing



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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7	6	9	4	3	8	2	1	5
9	5	3	2	8	4	6	7	1
8	1	7	3	6	9	5	4	2
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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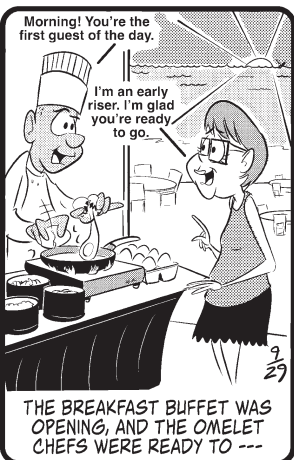
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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GOING MOSSY DUGOUT SWITCH

Answer: The golfer's erratic play on the course resulted in — MOOD SWINGS

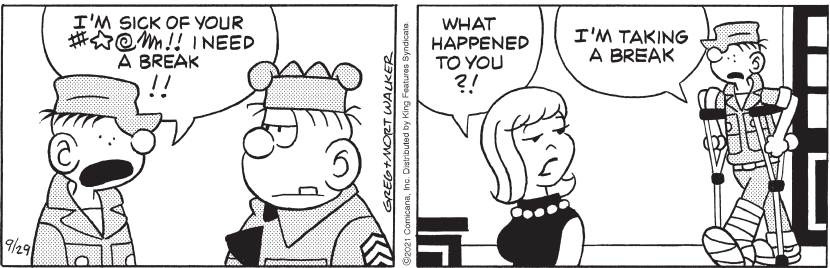
## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“Mommy, why can't you feel shadows?”

## BEETLE BAILEY



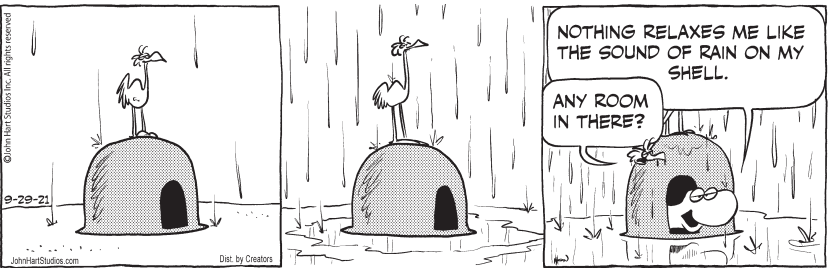
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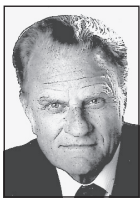


# No one knows what a day may bring

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** I've been healthy my entire life until I hit 60. There's so much I've learned since my diagnosis of cancer, so now when I try to encourage others in their time of need, they seem more than when I was healthy. Why is this? — B.H.

**Billy Graham**  
My Answer



**A:** There are many who have enjoyed good health most of their lives. But those who suffer bad health often learn how to help others going through similar valleys of despair. That's why it is wise to be a good listener when others are suffering. There isn't much that can be said to those who are hurting and we should ask God for wisdom — when to be silent and when to speak. Often it isn't the words we

say as much as encouraging others with our presence, but sharing our own experiences can cause people to realize that they're not alone in their suffering.

The Bible reminds us that there's a time for everything: a time to be born and a time to die (Ecclesiastes 3). So many testimonials speak of how God spoke to them in sickness and their personal faith in Him grew stronger. Someone recently said, "I could have never said this before cancer, but now that I have completed

my treatment and am on the road to recovery, I praise the Lord that He used it to open the door to tell others why I hope in the Lord!" Our own inadequacy should drive us to the Lord.

No one knows what a day may bring but Christians can point to the One who sees us through trials. "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“Y’U P CGUPZ, PZN Y’U  
UGWEYNYUTZIYKZPW. YL Y API ECT  
JTFLTHE LKFU KL PZDECYZM, Y’N  
XT XKFYZM.” — CPWITD

Previous Solution: “Cancer has shown me what family is. It showed me a love that I never knew really existed.” — Michael Douglas  
TODAY'S CLUE: C siPnB H



# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

**James 1:19-20**

# Congress must rebuild the presidency

When Donald Trump lost the presidency, he left behind a treasure map for future American tyrants that shows them precisely how to undermine – and potentially destroy – American democracy. By constantly and shamelessly flouting anticorruption norms and laws, the former president exposed just how weak the United States’ system of checks and balances is and its desperate need for reform. And evading any accountability for now, he has proved that presidents can go so far as to foment an insurrection without facing any legal consequences.

The American presidency has, in turn, become a ticking time bomb, waiting for a future tyrant to abuse its power in order to succeed where Trump failed. But it doesn’t have to be this way. Just as Jimmy Carter signed anticorruption reforms into law after Richard Nixon’s crooked presidency, President Biden must swiftly establish new laws that strengthen accountability for himself and his successors.

The good news is that Congress may be on its way to sending Biden a bill to do just that. Known as the Protecting Our Democracy Act, the bill is one of the most important pieces of legislation that Congress will deliberate during Biden’s presidency, and it sets the stage for the federal government to finally address the damage that Trump imposed on the office. “We discovered over the last four years just how much our system is reliant on certain norms of behavior that we thought were inviolate,” Representative Adam Schiff, Democrat of California, the lead sponsor of the bill, told the Globe editorial board. “It turns out so many of the protections of our system are easily flouted.”

If it’s passed, the bill would strengthen enforcement mechanisms that protect the government and the public from presidential abuse of power as well as introduce new and reasonable restraints on the executive branch. Among other things, it would give Congress more oversight over presidential pardons

that may be self-serving and make explicit that presidents cannot pardon themselves; strengthen enforcement of laws like the Hatch Act or the Constitution’s emoluments clause; bolster Congress’s subpoena power by fast-tracking judicial proceedings and empowering courts to levy fines on government officials who do not comply; and require presidents and vice presidents, as well as candidates for those offices, to release 10 years of their tax returns – a provision that was recently dropped from the voting rights bill that congressional Democrats are seeking to pass.

Though much of the bill is informed by the lessons of Trump’s corrupt reign, its passage ought to be a bipartisan cause: As Republicans very well know, corruption is not limited to their party, and the next wannabe tyrant could be a Democrat. And, as Schiff pointed out, “There are a number of Republicans who have been interested in these reforms in the past.” There is no reasonable explanation for why those Republicans’ support for this kind of oversight would suddenly disappear; if it does, it would only be more evidence that the party cannot move past their standard bearer’s grip.

There’s also another hurdle that congressional Democrats need to overcome: pushback from the Biden White House. It is, in some ways, a sign of a well-functioning government to have separate branches skeptical of each other despite being led by the same party as opposed to having them uncritically fall in line. But Biden shouldn’t have much to worry about. One concern from the White House, for example, is empowering Congress to enforce its subpoenas of executive branch officials, since Republicans could win back majorities in the midterms and potentially abuse their new oversight powers. That’s a valid concern given the GOP’s antidemocratic streak, but that’s also precisely the kind of congressional power that could have contained – or at least shed light on – some of Trump’s dangerous abuses.

Plus, there are still protections in place against Congress unjustly taking advantage of having more teeth to keep the executive branch in check. “If [the Biden White House is] acting in good faith, as I know they would be, and if Congress is not, then the court is in a position to evaluate that,” Schiff said. “What it would mean is that those decisions in court would be made sooner rather than later, and that’s not something that I think the administration should fear.”

Another reported White House concern is the bill’s provisions that ban presidents from firing inspectors general without good cause. But after Trump’s explicit attack on inspectors general – “I think we’ve been treated very unfairly by inspector generals,” he said, after firing a bunch of them – it’s important to give the executive branch watchdogs an extra layer of protection.

Ultimately, the Protecting Our Democracy Act can be perceived by presidents in two ways: One is a limit on presidential power; the other is a limit on a president’s ability to abuse that power. And the public ought to be wary of any president who views it as the former. Given its focus on oversight and transparency, the bill’s chief concern is preventing abuse. “At the end of the day, I think the goal was to reestablish the guardrails we thought we had but have been broken down over the last four years,” Schiff said.

The White House still favors many of the bill’s provisions, and Biden himself has given voice to the need for post-Trump anticorruption reform. That’s why, despite some of the administration’s concerns about how Republicans may abuse it in the near term, Biden ought to take the long view: This bill is for protecting American democracy from a tyrannical president. And if Trump or an equally antidemocratic candidate wins the presidency in 2024, then the public will have more resources to hold them accountable in real time.

*This editorial was first published in the Boston Globe.*



# House Democrats’ tax plan keeps special treatment for wealthy people like me

By **DREW POMERANCE**

Democrats released the details of their upcoming budget reconciliation deal, but thanks to the work of a group of Democrats in the House and Senate, the revised \$1.5 trillion dollar plan falls far short of the ambitious plans set by President Biden and ultimately fails to address the inequities built into our tax code that continue to exacerbate inequality.

While the updated plan does increase taxes on wealthy individuals and large corporations, it only tinkers at the edges of a tax code designed for the wealthy at the expense of working Americans. Chief among them is the plan to only tax capital gains income by an additional 5 percent – up to a total of 25 percent – a far cry from Biden’s initial plan to tax capital gains income above \$1 million at the same rate as ordinary income at 39.6 percent. As a wealthy individual, I assure you that there’s absolutely no reason to keep this absurd giveaway to the rich.

Unlike those who work for a paycheck, most well-off individuals can easily make a living through their investments, and the capital gains made off those investments are taxed at a lower rate than earned income. This means that wealthy individuals pay a far lower tax rate than working Americans, for doing far less to contribute to the productivity of the country. How can that possibly be right?

Take the last year and a half. While so many struggled, wealthy people

like me continued to make a killing. My net worth has drastically increased since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic due to the success of the market, and it’s only increasing because the gains I make in the market are taxed at a significantly low rate. This is one of the many ways our system institutionally favors wealthy Americans and helps them get ahead once they’re already ahead.

All income should be treated the same, regardless of how it’s earned. Splitting it into two separate categories is extremely unfair and serves no purpose but to give wealthy folks another advantage. Politicians that defend the lower rate for capital gains taxes have long emphasized that the special rate is necessary to encourage spending in the economy. But the idea that wealthy individuals somehow will spend more only if they pay less in taxes is part of the same misguided logic that justified decades of trickle-down economics.

In reality, when rich people are flush with extra cash, they don’t spend it like most working families do. They simply invest it or hand it over to their wealth managers who stash it in places most working people will never have access to. This is because they already have more than enough money to spend on whatever they want whenever they want. Large corporations engage in a similar process, where they give their C-suite executives a bonus rather than raise the wages of their employees or invest in their own infrastructure.

Democrats cannot continue to allow

our government to actively contribute to growing inequality. Our country is facing the largest disparity of wealth in the last 100 years, and things are only getting worse. However, rather than working on policies and legislation that will address this crisis, some members of the Democratic party are fighting changes to our tax code that would alleviate the burden on everyday Americans.

If the Committee’s proposal becomes law, billionaires in America will pay a lower tax rate than working people and inequality, the root cause of social unrest, will continue to destabilize the country. We must roll back the worst, most regressive parts of our tax code, from the low top marginal rates, raising capital gains rates, and eliminating the stepped-up basis. Anything that moves us towards a tax code where the rich can’t game the system to pay lower rates than the average American.

Wealthy Americans aren’t currently taxed enough, we can afford to pay more, and we must ensure that we pay more as part of the upcoming budget deal so we can invest in our citizens and our communities. The American people deserve better, and we can do better. We just need to tax the rich.

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## LETTERS

### Wabash County Democratic Party response to ‘Save America Freedom Rally’

I am writing in response to an article that appeared in The Plain Dealer on Saturday, Sept. 25 regarding the recent “Save America Freedom Rally.”

I am deeply saddened that so much disinformation has poisoned the well of our political discourse and turned neighbor against neighbor in communities across the United States. So many lies from right-wing politicians and “infotainment” radio and cable television personalities have turned a significant swath of Americans away from things that most of us – regardless of party affiliation – used to agree on: science, medicine, education, concern for other people during a public health crisis and, most importantly, democracy itself.

I ask every person reading this to pay attention to the corrosive effects of this disinformation on our country. Our society is broken. The government in which President Biden inherited is broken. As proof, look no further than the insurrection and attempted coup at our nation’s Capitol on Jan. 6 and its attempt to overturn the results of a free and fair election simply because the insurrectionists did not like the results. They came dangerously close to succeeding.

The 45th president did not create the divisions from which this country suffers, but he did exploit long-percolating bigotries and unfounded grievances. He did great harm to this country. He commandeered a political party and turned it into a cult. He left much destruction – and yes, death – in his wake.

As heartsick as I am about where we are as a nation, I still believe that most of us – regardless of political affiliation – are good people, trying to do the best we can each day, people who are sincere when they say they love this country.

I am reminded of my grandparents’ generation – the Greatest Generation, as they are called. When faced with the threat of fascism and authoritarianism, they did not say, “I’m free. I’ll do what I damned well want to.” Instead, they made sacrifices – some small but many very great. They understood that freedom isn’t free. They were motivated by a sense of duty to protect the well-being and security of other Americans and preserve democracy for their children and grandchildren.

They wouldn’t have whined about wearing a mask or getting a shot to protect other people from a deadly virus. They recognized that being an American and a patriot means caring about the greater good, something that is more important than ourselves. The elected officials in attendance at this rally are not patriots, but rather the opposite. They are completely obsessed with radical right-wing propaganda, wrapped around Trump in a cult-like mentality.

Please respect the health and safety of people around you and get a COVID-19 vaccination. They are free and safe and they will help protect you and the people around you from hospitalization and death.

And please consider your sources for news. Trust your common sense and rely on factual, documented, and data-driven information. One plus one still equals two, regardless of what Tucker Carlson and Newsmax tell you.

It’s OK if we don’t agree on everything – that’s healthy and there’s nothing more American than a spirited, but friendly, debate of the issues. But please ask yourselves “What kind of country do I want to leave my children?” and then act accordingly.

Not only are these sorely misguided elected officials of the local Republican party leadership “rogue,” but they are fanatics way outside of the mainstream of their party. I would ask that all the officials who spoke at this “rally” resign their respective positions. They have failed the very people they were elected to represent. No longer can they call themselves pro-life when they are making it clear they do not care about yours.

We can do so much better than this.

**Chad Harris**  
**Wabash County Democratic Party Chair**



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## MU men's soccer wins third straight, downs Huntington

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's soccer team won its third consecutive game following a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Huntington on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The Black and Gold got on the scoreboard first in Wednesday's rain-soaked contest at Spartan stadium. After the Foresters were unable to clear a Manchester corner, Spartan sophomore Matt Brown, from Carmel, fired a rocket into the back of the net to give Manchester a 1-0 advantage in the 14th minute.

The Foresters tied the game in the 35th minute following a long volley off

the foot of Pablo Garcia. Huntington held a slim 5-3 advantage in shots taken in the opening period as both teams remained tied at 1 at the intermission.

The Spartans regained the lead early in the second-half following a goal from Harley Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School. Kruschwitz's goal in the 54th minute was put in from 20 yards out.

Huntington didn't back down as the Foresters rallied to tie the score once more in Wednesday's contest. In the 63rd minute, Nathan Lemmon sent a volley from 20 yards out past the outstretched arm of Man-



Manchester's Matt Brown (3) and Harley Kruschwitz (9) contributed to the victory.

chester keeper Adrian De Leon for the equalizer.

The Spartans went ahead for good in the 73rd minute as Harley Kruschwitz scored once more for the Black and Gold. The current Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week now has seven goals on the season.

For the game, Manchester outshot Huntington 19-10 – including a 16-5 margin in

the second half. The Black and Gold also held a 6-3 edge in corner kicks taken.

Manchester (3-4-1) won its third consecutive game, while Huntington dropped to 5-4 on the season.

The Spartans will return to action on Wednesday, Sept. 29 when they host Franklin College in Spartan Stadium to begin HCAC play.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

## Manchester volleyball goes 2-0 at Trine tri-match

Spartans will begin HCAC play at Hanover College on Friday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University volleyball team went 1-1 at the Trine tri-match on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The Spartans began the day with a four-set victory over Kalamazoo College, topping the Hornets by set scores of 25-17, 25-16, 23-25, and 25-18.

Manchester got eight kills apiece from Halle Planck, from Gas City and Mississinewa High School, and Samantha Campbell, from Brownsburg. Sara Shultz, from Churubusco and East Noble High School, had seven kills.

Following up their impressive performance at the net on Wednesday night against Kalamazoo, Manchester ended Saturday's match with 13 total blocks. Both Halle Planck and Carley Camp, from Logansport, were credited with seven block assists. Erika Cramer, from Greensburg and North Decatur High School, added a pair of solo blocks and four block assists.

Carly Ripberger, from Tipton, had 29 assists against Kalamazoo while both Rachael Ressler, from Tipton, and Helaina Walters, from Marion and Eastbrook High School, finished the match with 16 digs.

Manchester ended the day by rallying for a five-set victory over host Trine University.

The Thunder jumped in front after taking the opening two sets by 25-21 and 25-16 counts. Manchester answered the bell by taking the third and fourth sets by 25-18 and 25-23 tallies. The Black and Gold then jumped out to a 13-4 advantage in the fifth and final set. After an 8-1 spurt by the Thunder, Manchester was able to seal the win, 15-11, following a kill by Joy Maze, from Greenwood.

Both Joy Maze and Halle Planck finished with 15 kills against Trine. Maze added 16 digs, four service aces one solo block and one block assist while Planck chipped in 10 digs and four block assists in the winning effort.

Samantha Campbell added 11 kills on the strength of a .407 hitting percentage. Carly Ripberger finished the match with 44 digs while Helaina Walters led the Black and Gold with 23 digs.

Manchester has won four consecutive games and improved to 8-7 on the season. The Black and Gold are also 4-1 in five-set matches.

The Spartans will begin Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play next week with a road showdown at Hanover College on Friday, Oct. 1. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Honeywell Breast Cancer Awareness Scramble planned

The Honeywell Golf Course and the Ladies Golf Association (LGA) are hosting the 11th annual Honeywell Breast Cancer Awareness Scramble for men and women on Sunday, Oct. 3, according to Lana Garber.

The event begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

There is a \$60 per player fee which includes golf and cart, gift bag and prizes.

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sponsors should call the Honeywell Golf Course at 260-563-8663 by Friday, Oct. 1.

#### Spartans tennis wraps up HCAC road match at Hanover

The Manchester University women's tennis team dropped a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) road match at Hanover College 9-0 on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The No. 1 doubles duo of Evelyn Minton, from Clarksville and Jeffersonville High School, and Anna Hollingsworth, from New Castle and Blue River Valley High School, won six games before being

edged by Hanover's Mad-die Shannon and Linde Meerpoel 8-6.

In singles play, Natalie Kotlin, from Lowell, took the first set of her No. 3 matchup against Melaina Tippiery 6-4. Tippiery rallied in the second and third sets 6-2, 10-6.

Manchester concluded the weekend with a home match against Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on Sunday, Sept. 26.

#### MU women's soccer ends non-conference play at Alma

The Manchester University women's soccer team wrapped up the non-conference portion of its

schedule at Alma College on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The Scots took Saturday's contest by a final score of 3-0.

Peyton Erndteman (45th minute), Meghan Pfile (74th minute) and Briana Scillian (75th minute) were the goal scorers for Alma.

Manchester keeper Becca Colbert, from Porter and Chesterton High School, made 15 saves in between the posts.

The Spartans will begin Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play on Wednesday, Sept. 29 with a road contest at Franklin College. Game time from Faught Stadium is slated for 7 p.m.

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This notice published on the 29th day of September, 2021.

Tony Waldrup Chief Deputy Lawrence County Sheriff's Department

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